# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
# LOK SABHA

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NEW DRUG POLICY
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have finalised the blueprint for the new drug policy after sorting out all pending issues with the health ministry ;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has submitted the recommendations to the Cabinet in this regard ;

(c) if so, the main recommendations made in the draft policy ;

(d) the number of drugs likely to be put under control under the arrangements ;

(e) whether it is a fact that by this order only multi national companies are benefited and there is no benefit to consumers ;

(f) if so, the steps taken or being taken by the Government to save the interests of the consumers ; and

(g) the time by which a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken ?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (g) : Government has recently announced the `Pharmaceutical Policy-2002`, which lays down the mechanism of price regulation of drugs. The main objectives of this Policy are, interalia, ensuring abundant availability at reasonable prices within the country of good quality essential pharmaceuticals of mass consumption and strengthening the indigenous capability for cost effective quality production.